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H.B. No. 2138

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the search for and rescue of victims of water-oriented  
3 accidents.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.121, Parks and Wildlife Code, is  
6 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsection  
7 (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a) In this section:

9 (1) "Game warden" means a person who is commissioned  
10 as a game warden by the commission.

11 (2) "State military forces" has the meaning assigned  
12 by Section 431.001, Government Code.

13 (a-1) All peace officers of this state and game wardens  
14 [~~commissioned by the commission~~] must be certified as marine safety  
15 enforcement officers by the department to enforce the provisions of  
16 this chapter by arresting and taking into custody any person who  
17 commits any act or offense prohibited by this chapter or who  
18 violates any provision of this chapter.

19 (e) State military forces may assist game [~~Game~~] wardens  
20 [~~may assist~~] in the search for and rescue of victims of  
21 water-oriented accidents.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.